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October 15, 2019

Speaker Nancy Pelosi
United States House of Representatives
1236 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Majority Leader Mitch McConnell
United States Senate
317 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: Support for the National Museum of the American Latino Act

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leader McConnell,

I write to you in strong support of the National Museum of the American Latino Act (H.R. 2420, S. 1267), a bill that would take major steps to celebrate the important history and contributions of Latinos in our national institutions.

Too many Americans are not aware of the long and storied history of Latinos in our country. This history includes contributions to civil rights, the arts and sciences, and business. Establishing a museum to honor this history would be especially meaningful to the City of Los Angeles, a city which boasts a long history of Latino culture and heritage.

The National Museum of the American Latino Act will begin the planning stages for the museum so we can make this long overdue museum a reality. Eight years after the Commission to investigate the potential for an American Latino Museum completed its work, this bill is the necessary next step. It puts this museum on the National Mall among all of the other landmark Smithsonian museums that tell the story of our great nation to millions of visitors each year. This institution must be the next addition to what

is known as our "nation's front yard." Thank you for considering this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor of Los Angeles

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September 10, 2019

Support H.R. 2420 and S. 1267, The National Museum of the American Latino Act

It has been over 25 years since the Smithsonian Institution's *Willful Neglect* report to Congress demonstrated that American Latinos are virtually left out of all of its museums and centers; however, no direct action has been taken to address this serious exclusion of one of the nation's largest, youngest, and most rapidly growing ethnic groups.

Too few Americans (Latinos and non-Latinos alike) realize that American Latinos have been on this land for over 500 years. Latinos have made, and continue to make, significant contributions to our history and culture. As a group they have fought in every war since the Revolutionary War, participated in and led civil rights movements, and contributed to science, technology, the arts, education, and business. The lack of understanding and knowledge of these advancements can lead to serious misinformation and stereotyping of the American Latino community. A strong show of support for the importance of American Latino history and culture from our nation's

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representatives is now urgently needed to combat the decades of neglect. This is especially true in our current political environment, where the lives, wellbeing, and rights of so many American Latinos are under attack.

Representative Jose E. Serrano and Senator Robert Menendez have introduced H.R. 2420/S. 1267, The National Museum of the American Latino Act, to make this long overdue museum a reality. The Museum will be established to illuminate Latino contributions to the history of the United States; provide for the collection, study, research, publication, and establishment of exhibitions and programs related to Latino life, art, history and culture; and provide for collaboration with other museums and research centers to promote continued study of these issues and their impact on American society. The museum will be placed on the National Mall among all of the other landmark Smithsonian Institution museums, demonstrating the importance of the American Latino to the story of our great nation.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct our advocates in Washington D.C. to support H.R. 2420 (Serrano) and S. 1267 (Menendez) the National Museum of the American Latino Act.

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Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leader McConnell,

It has now been over 25 years that the Smithsonian's own *Willful Neglect* report raised the alarm to Congress that American Latinos are virtually left out of all of its museums and centers. Sadly, instead of springing to action to address the serious exclusion of the nation's largest, youngest, and rapidly growing ethnic group, little attention was paid and little progress made. **So today, I write to you as the Majority Leader of the California State Senate to endorse the National Museum of the American Latino Act (H.R. 2420, S. 1267), a bill that finally addresses the concerning lack of understanding and appreciation of American Latinos in our national institutions.**

Too few Americans (Latinos and non-Latinos alike) realize that American Latinos have been on this land for over 500 years. Americans do not realize that Latinos have fought in every war since the Revolutionary War, nor do they know about our contributions to civil rights, the sciences, and business. This lack of understanding can lead to dangerous misinformation and stereotyping for the American Latino community. A major commitment and show of support from our nation's representatives is now urgently needed to combat the decades of neglect.

The National Museum of the American Latino Act will begin the planning and create the mechanisms needed to make this long overdue museum a reality. Eight years after the Commission to investigate the potential for an American Latino Museum completed its work, this bill is the necessary next step. It puts this museum on the National Mall among all of the other landmark Smithsonian museums also demonstrating the story of our great nation to millions of visitors each year. This institution must be the next addition to what is known as our "nation's front yard."

As the Majority Leader of the California State Senate, I encourage you to prioritize the passage of this bill *this* year. It is an issue I will watch closely, and I look forward to working together with you to see it through.

Sincerely,

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ROBERT M. HERTZBERG